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Donald L. Carcieri  
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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PRECAUTIONARY HEALTH MEASURES

WHEREAS, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health is investigating concerns relating to the transmission of infectious respiratory disease in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, epidemiologists from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") have come to Rhode Island to help investigate this recent increase of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of simple and reasonable health precautions, as recommended by the CDC, will materially assist in deterring further spread of disease generally and limit the potential for further outbreak.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, pursuant to the powers contained in the Rhode Island General Laws, including but not limited to Chapter 30-15 and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Rhode Island Department of Health and the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall immediately issue an advisory urging all schools to establish and maintain as soon as possible alcohol based personal hand washing stations for students and teachers within school premises.

2. The Rhode Island Department of Health and the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall immediately disseminate or otherwise make available to school departments in Rhode Island recommended protocols for proper hand-washing procedures and other preventative measures for limiting the spread of pneumonia and other infectious disease through contact and cough, and school departments shall undertake as soon as possible to post such information throughout schools in Rhode Island.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof.

So Ordered:



Donald L. Carcieri

Dated: 1/5/07